

Proposal for Change in Levels of Dental Hygiene Practice

Functions not permitted: Dental Diagnosis. Green=areas of agreement; Red=areas of disagreement

| Level of Practice | Requirements/ Recommendations | Indirect Supervision (Dentist authorized procedure and IS on site) | General Supervision (Dentist authorized procedure but is NOT on site) | Public Health Supervision (Dentist may not be present and services provided in public health or related healthcare settings) |
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| <p style="color: blue;">Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)</p> <p>NDHA Proposal</p> | <p>All current ones in statute.</p> | | <p>Current scope of practice</p> <p style="color: red;">Orofacialmyology—BOD/legal challenge determined this falls within the dental hygiene education and purview. Want to include in statute. (course required)</p> <p style="color: red;">Dental Hygiene Diagnosis—already required to do this in the CODA dental hygiene curriculum, want listed in statute.</p> <p style="color: red;">Extract teeth with class IV mobility and hopeless prognosis (course required)</p> <p style="color: red;">Enameloplasty sealant technique (EST) (course required)</p> <p style="color: red;">Administer local anesthesia and reversal agents (move this to general vs. indirect supervision)</p> | |
| <p>PROPOSALS AGREE</p> | <p style="color: green;">All current ones in statute.</p> <p style="color: green;">Must be a graduate of a CODA approved dental hygiene program, pass national board exam, clinical board exam, jurisprudence exam and become licensed with the state and complete CE per UCA</p> | <p style="color: green;">Administer and titrate nitrous oxide.</p> | <p>Current scope of practice</p> <p style="color: green;">Interim Therapeutic Technique (course required)</p> <p style="color: green;">Write prescriptions for mouth rinses and fluoride products that help decrease risk for tooth decay. (course required)</p> | |
| <p>NDA/NDAA Proposal</p> | | | | |

| | | PUBLIC HEALTH RDH | | |
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| <p>Public Health Dental Hygienist (PHRDH)</p> <p>NDHA Proposal</p> | <p>All additional functions being requested would require coursework similar to what a dentist receives for that particular procedure. (Similar to what it is for anesthesia in the statutes).</p> | | | <p>Full Dental Hygiene Scope of Practice with appropriate supervision levels for anesthesia. Orofacialmyology with National Certification</p> <p>Dental Hygiene Diagnosis</p> <p>Extract teeth with class IV mobility and hopeless prognosis, interfering with eating and daily functions, patient has no dental home, (with or without anesthesia). Needs standing order from dentist or physician. (course required)</p> <p>Enameloplasty sealant technique (EST)(course required)</p> <p>Adjust removable appliances/soft reline. (course required)</p> <p>Palliative care to include smoothing of a rough edge of a tooth (course required)</p> |
| <p>PROPOSALS AGREE</p> | <p>Current RDH and have public health permit</p> <p>Proof of Liability Insurance</p> <p>Authorization from and report to HHS</p> | | | <p>Current scope of practice</p> <p>Interim Therapeutic Technique (course required)</p> <p>Write prescriptions for mouth rinses and other topical products that help decrease one's risk for tooth decay. (course required)</p> |

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| Expanded Function Registered Dental Hygienist (EFRDH) NDHA Proposal | | | Place and finish dental restorations and preparation of class I and V restorations per dentist order.(course required) | |
| PROPOSALS AGREE | <p>Current RDH and have EFDH license</p> <p>Proof of liability Insurance</p> <p>Completion of course (didactic and clinical) within an accredited dental school or completion equivalent exam from another state. DANB developing national exam for restorative procedures.</p> <p>Pass board approved exam (such as CRDTS)</p> | | | |
| Expanded Function Restorative Dental Hygienist (EFRDH) NDA/NDAA Proposal | | Place and finish dental restorations* (amalgams, composites, stainless steel crowns) | | Minor denture adjustments* |